

**Club Repeaters:**

**Erie:**

**146.610-**

**PL 127.3 hz**

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**Waterford:**

**146.82-**

**PL 186.2 hz**

# QUARAE



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## FCC Morse Code Decision Would Not Effect CW Subbands, Privileges

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have no impact on either the current HF CW subbands or on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees.

"There seems to be a lot of confusion on these points, judging by the questions I've been getting," said John Hennessee, N1KB, of the ARRL Regulatory Information Branch. He emphasizes that the proceeding does not put forward or recommend any changes in CW allocations or privileges.

The FCC is currently accepting comments on its Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, released July 19, which proposes to do away with the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all license classes. Hennessee further notes that the FCC also has not proposed to extend HF privileges to current Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination. The Commission's NPRM&O suggests that in a no-Morse-requirement regime, such Technician licensees would be able to gain HF access by taking the Element 3 General class written examination.

To file on-line comments on the FCC NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 or to view others' comments in the proceeding, visit the ECFS site <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> and click on "Submit a Filing" or "Search for Filed Comments." In either case, type "05-235" in the "Proceeding" field, being careful to include the hyphen but not the quotation marks. Directions for filing comments, which can be in the form of an attached document, are on the ECFS site. Click on "Getting Started" to learn more. As of week's end, more than 1700 comments had already been filed. The FCC has not yet established a closing date for comments in this proceeding, and it's not likely to release a Report and Order in WT Docket 05-235 until early next year.

In a separate--and unrelated--Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 04-140, the FCC agreed with an ARRL proposal to reallocate the current Novice/Tech Plus CW subbands to create additional room on certain 'phone subbands. If the FCC goes ahead with that proposal, Novice and TechPlus licensees would have CW privileges in the current General class CW bands.

## RAE CLUB MEETING and HOT DOG ROAST

### PLUS

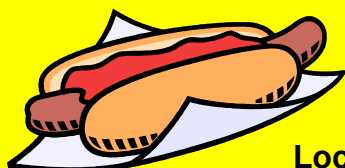
**Guest Speaker ARRL Atlantic Division Vice Director**

**Bill Edgar N3LLR**

**Thursday September 1st**

Time: 7 pm

Location: RAE Clubhouse on Wagner RD in McKean



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## Upcoming Events

**Thurs. - September 1st**

**General Membership Meeting**

Time: 7 pm

**Location:** RAE Clubhouse on Wagner RD.  
which is off of Bargain RD off RT 99

**Tues. - September 27th**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Time: 7 pm

Location: RAE Clubhouse

## Public Service Update

**The next Public Service event is the Caring Place Triathlon at Presque Isle on Saturday, September 10th.**

**Please contact Doug AD4UL at 453-2915 or via e-mail at [ad4ul@arrl.net](mailto:ad4ul@arrl.net)**

**if you are interested in helping out in this event.**



### PA QSO PARTY

October 8th and 9th

To Join the PAQP reflector, go to:

<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/paqso>

and follow the instructions

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

Radio Association of Erie  
General Membership Meeting  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Board Members Present: N3ZNP, N3NKV,  
KC2HVX, N3LBI

Not Present: KB3ALU, N3BXL, KB3JSN

The meeting was called to order by acting president Neil N3ZNP at 7 pm. Neil informed all members present that KB3A resigned as president of the Radio Association of Erie.

New Calls: None

Visitor: KA3FZN

Upgrades: None

Silent Keys: None

Treasurer's Report: N3NKV provided the treasurer's report as received from Frank KD3D.

Secretary's Report: N3NKV asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the QUARAE. The motion was made by N3LBI and Seconded by WB3DOM. Motion carried.

Board Report: N3LBI gave an overview of the Board of Directors meeting. Items discussed included the resignation of the president, finding a new trustee for the W3GV callsign, clubhouse improvements, status of the clubhouse lease, and liability insurance.

Committee Reports:

Repeater: N3SRD mentioned the 440 repeater has been sold. New announcements are being written for the 61 controller for events. N3BWG is writing an instruction guide for creating wav files. N3SRD mentioned the club may want to consider a new controller for 82 due to problems with it not accepting touch tones for controlling.

Clubhouse: N3ZNP mentioned that the lease for the building was found. It is ours for 30 years.

We have 25 years left presently.

Membership: KE3V reported that there are presently 108 members

Bylaws: N3ZNP mentioned that the board plans to start reviewing the current bylaws and doing some revising.

Contesting:

A discussion took place as to how the VHF/UHF antennas should be setup for contesting. Plans call for using the tripod donated from N3RKO's estate and the telephone poles.

AD4UL mentioned that there were two lighthouse contests. One is on August 6th and 7 and the other August 20th and 21st. He is looking for operators at the other lighthouses.

AD4UL mentioned that Maryland DC QSO party is coming up on August 13th and 14th.

KC2HVX made a motion that the club purchase 8 ½ X 11 envelopes and postage for the certificates for the lighthouse contest. Seconded by N3LBI. Motion Carried.

Public Service: Doug AD4UL mentioned that the Highmark Caring Place Triathlon is September 10th.

Doug also has for sale the Emergency Communication Signs \$15.00/set

VE: No Information

ARES/Skywarn: Dave WX3E discussed the upcoming Airport Drill on Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am -1pm. Dave did not want this drill mentioned on talked about over the radio. Dave also mentioned that the ARES/RACES Picnic would be held at Glenwood Park on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to ? The ARRL SET is Oct 1st and 2nd.

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## General Membership Meeting Minutes

### Old Business:

Towers: N3ZNP mentioned that the towers that the club was to receive from K3TUP are no longer available.

### New Business:

Liability Insurance: N3LBI made a motion that the club purchase liability service from ARRL for \$390. Seconded by NI3Q. Motion Carried.

Approval to participate in events: AD4UL made a motion that the club participate in the following events: Maryland DC QSO Party, Both Light-house events, and the Caring Place Triathlon. Seconded by N3SRD. Motion Carried.

QUARAE: N3NKV needed articles for the QUARAE and he mentioned if you do received e-mail from [john@jjlis.com](mailto:john@jjlis.com) it is his e-mail address.

Election Committee: N3LBI mentioned that the election committee needs to be established

50/50 winner N3LBI \$19.50

Motion to Adjourn Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lis

Radio Association of Erie Secretary

## Erie Ham Radio Time Capsule

### 50 Years Ago - September 1955

Local Amateurs were looking forward to participating in the September VHF QSO Party

Lt. Chuck Tribble W3YKE, commander of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron extended his thanks to the local amateurs lending and assistance during the local air disaster that took place. Those Helping out in the event included Scotty Forbes W3STK, John Koziak W3NXK, George Roschy W3LKJ, Chuck Bartlock W3BFB

Ham classes would be starting October 4<sup>th</sup> 1955, sponsored by the YMCA and the RAE.

On Sept 1, 1956 Thailand had been removed the list of countries in which amateur communications had been prohibited.

Local Notary Public Offices and Penndot were busy with an influx of hams (10,000 to 20,000 as reported in the Erie Dispatch) requesting HAM Callsign License plates for the first time.

### 25 Years Ago – 1980

HamJam 80 took place at Rainbow Gardens. Admission was \$3. There were hourly prizes along with two main prizes one including A TenTec 580 Low Band transceiver with power supply and the Erie made Mini Quad Antenna. A Two main prized for the general public included a \$100 gift certificate to Loblaws and a RCA 13 in Color TV.

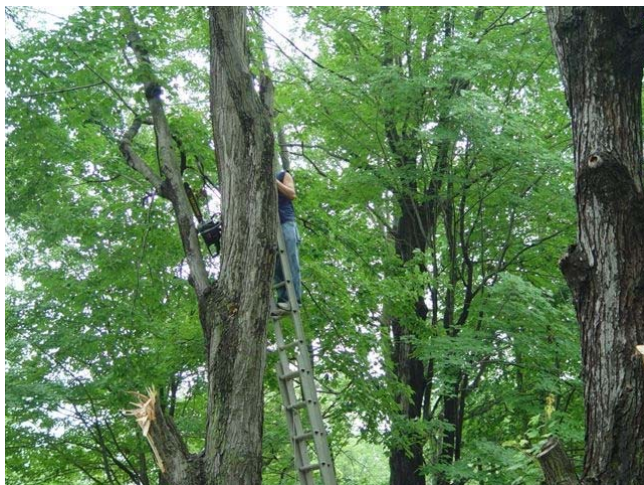
Frank Graziano back then KA3CTW (now KD3D) passed Advanced.

15 RAE Members The RAE helped out with communications for the Presque Isle Marathon.





## VHF STATION ANTENNA PARTY—PHASE 1



Who is that hiding in the Tree?



John N3NKV, Wattsburg Bob KC2HVX, and Doug AD4UL clean up the debris from the 1st tree. Also in the back is Dave KA3AUH



Despite our best plans, we did have a casualty, the packet antenna got damaged. N3SRD replaced the antenna with one of more gain.



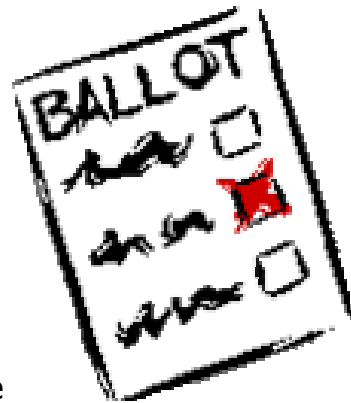
### What Next?

Mount the Antennas, Put Up the Tripod, Run Some Coax and Rotor Wire. Then have fun contesting on 6 meters, 2 meters, 432, and maybe 220.



## RAE 2006 Elections

Election Season is here. We keep our elections simple. No hanging chads nor do we have to worry about the new touch screen voting machines breaking down. If you are interested in becoming part of the RAE Leadership Team, it is really simple.



Nominations should be submitted to a member of the election committee using the nomination form below. Members of the election committee are: Bob Fuller N3LBI, John Lis N3NKV, and Bill Marshall KB3JSN. At the October General meeting, additional nominations will be taken from the floor. After the October meeting is adjourned, no additional nominations will be accepted. At the November General meeting, elections will be conducted by the Election Committee.

**The offices up for election are: Business Officers: (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) 1 Yr Term**

**Directors: Two Directors (1—2 year Term ) (1– 3 Year Term)**

### 2006 NOMINATION FORM FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE RADIO ASSOCIATION of ERIE

| Office:                 | Nominee |
|-------------------------|---------|
| President               | _____   |
| Vice President          | _____   |
| Secretary               | _____   |
| Treasurer               | _____   |
| Board of Directors-2 yr | _____   |
| Board of Directors-3 yr | _____   |

Requires signature of 2 active or life members

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# 2005 Airport Disaster Drill



The Erie County ARES  
Leadership Team would like to  
thank all who all helped out  
with this event!

A big thanks out to goes out to Bob  
N3FAW for the photos.

*Radio Association of Erie*

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## Swap and Shop

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For Sale: 6 element Cushcraft 6 meter Boomer, 19 element 2 meter Cushcraft Boomer. 99% intact-may need a nut or bolt or a chunk of aluminum here or there. Also several lengths of hardline & misc. aluminum antenna parts. \$100 takes all !! Brian K3USC 814-866-2585

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From the Estate of KA3EZZ Len Czajkowski: Johnson Low Pass Filter= \$20.00; Vista XXR 15 Amp.-12 Volt Power Supply= \$30.00 No Reasonable offer refused. Call Bob -K3SBU at 814-899-2107 or E-mail—k3sbu-1@juno.com

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Channel Master Antenna Rotator Model 9537, for light weight antenna, digital control and display. Includes about 50 ft control cable. Like new \$35. Also Roof Tripod, 5 feet high, \$10. Bob N3FAW, 866-3027, bobn3faw@verizon.net

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There are still several items available that Howard "Babe" Katzenberger N3ZAZ has donated to the RAE several items to the club to be sold with the proceeds to go to the club. Main items include: Tube tester, dot matrix printer, 2 meter quad from Lightning Bolt Antennas and other odds and ends. If your interested in a specific item, please contact Bob, N3LBI @ 814-898-1115 or email n3lbi@adelphia.net